Australian Capital Territory

Plastic Reduction (Single-use Plastic Products—Special Circumstances) Exemption 2022 (No 2)

**Disallowable instrument DI2022–183**

made under the

Plastic Reduction Act 2021, section 17 (Minister may exempt person or plastic product)

**1 Name of instrument**

This instrument is the *Plastic Reduction (Single-use Plastic Products–Special Circumstances) Exemption 2022 (No 2)*.

**2 Commencement**

This instrument is taken to have commenced on 1 July 2022.

**3 Exemption**

(1) The Act, part 3 (Supplying prohibited plastic products) does not apply to a person—

(a) employed or engaged (for reward or otherwise) by an organisation mentioned in table 3.1, column 2 in relation to the supply of single-use plastic cutlery in a circumstance mentioned in column 3; or

(b) who supplies single-use plastic cutlery to an organisation mentioned in table 3.1, column 2 for a circumstance mentioned in column 3.

(2) In accordance with the Act, section 17 (3), I am satisfied that—

(a) it is not practicable or in the public interest for a person mentioned in subsection (1) to comply with the Act, part 3; and

(b) non-compliance with the Act, part 3 will not have any significant adverse effect on public health, property or the environment.

**Table 3.1**

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| **Column 1****Item** | **Column 2****Organisation** | **Column 3****Circumstance** |
| **1** | Canberra Health Services (CHS) | * In patient-facing settings in the Dhulwa Mental Health Unit, or emergency mental health facilities.
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| **2** | ACT Government directorates, Australian Government departments, non‑government organisations, businesses, or other private providers | * In detainee or mental-health service settings (including transportation of detainees and provision of health services at CHS facilities) where the safety of staff, clients, visitors, patients, detainees or the community may be compromised if single-use plastic cutlery cannot be used.
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Chris Steel MLA

Minister for Transport and City Services

3 August 2022